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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-SB08A form,

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The identified references were cited in an Office Action issued on June 24, 2008 for a counterpart Japanese Application JP 2003-525498. As none of the cited references is in English, an English translation of the Abstract of each of these references is enclosed.

Applicants hereby petition for the consideration of these references. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2).

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